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CRESCENT CITY NEWS RED CROSS RALLY

sing, Mich., were recent guests at the broadcast throughout the country by

The Methodist Sunday School is to and have been shown the advantages have a Christmas tree and a good time of the place and section by Mr. Dur-

for the little people. Rev. Alfred Taylor will hold special Christmas day services at the Episcopal church at 10 a. m.

Mrs. Audley Eaton has been elected lodge, Order of the Eastern Star.

on Tuesday for Orlando, where they will spend the winter with their son.

Mr. H. P. Leavett of Boston, arrived last Sunday to spend some time This should be a grand and enjoyable with Mrs. Leavett who has rooms gathering. at the Darby residence.

Mr. and Mrs. K. Borson with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Herrick as guests, motored to Palatka on Monday for a day's outing and shopping.

Sergeant Thos. B. Russell, machine gun company, 324th U. S. Infantry, writes that he will be home on a short furlough the latter part of next week.

The Baptist Sunday school will hold its Christmas tree festivities on Wednesday night. It was the only night they could secure Saint Nicho-

Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Smith will spend Christmas with their daughter and grand children at Archer. And they are a takin' something to the

here this week to occupy their home on North Summit street for the winter season. Don't call him "Santa Claus," not this of all years; 'tisn't his name anyway; his name is Saint Nicholas. "Santa Claus" is the sourkraut Ger-

man for it. S. N. Wessberg, Miss Dorothy Kil-len and Miss Hilda Wessberg of East Palatka were motor visitors in the

city last week, coming over in the Wessberg car. and Mrs. E. C. Anthony write that they expect to be in Crescent City the first week in January to remain some four months. They will

It was reported that Corporal Philips Cash had "gone across." This is a mistake; our little corporal is at Augusta, Ga. Too bad he cannot come home for Christmas.

stop at the Hotel Coutant.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lounds. The stork stopped long enough at their home on Sunday morning to leave a little daughter. whose name is to be called Elizabeth.

If you haven't lined up with the Red Cross by this time, why—then you are bomb-proof, frost-proof, ladyproof mosquito-proof and something ther than gentle means must be ap-

Local Masons will attend the Episcopal church in a body on Sunday morning, the 30th inst., when Rev. Alfred Taylor, who is one of them, will preach a special sermon. The service is to be at 10:45.

acres near Fruitland. Mr. Hafer is going to remodel the house and improve the place for a home.

Elbert Braddock has tried to enlist three times-twice in the army and once in the naval reserves-and has been rejected because of defective vis-But all the same he is entitled to a place among the best patriots.

Col. G. T. Graham has purchased the Bradt place near Lake Margaret and which adjoins his own farm. The newly acquired piece adds to his farm 160 acres. Col. Graham arrived home latter part of last week for a short

Waterman Jurnigan came up from Kissimmee last Sunday to spend the day and attend to some business. He says they are busy shipping fruit from the flatwoods city and he brought along some samples that are hard to beat in looks even in the best

Mr. H. E. Gates of Lake Como, who takes a special interest in Red Cross work as well as in all work for the gave the local branch \$50 last week.

Mrs. Gates comes over and assists the chine knocked them off that 20 inches? welfare of the nation in this war, ladies in their regular Tuesday sewing work.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Brown, who have spent several winters in Crescent City, are now at Phoenix, Arizona. They probably wanted to try a dryer climata, where there was more alkali. We shall miss them and hope they will enjoy their stay in Arizona just enough to make them want to come back to Crescent City.

Here's an exemplification of the TRUE Christmas spirit. The Philanthropic Department of the V. I. A., assisted by the Camp Fire Girls, the Bluebirds and the boys, are sending filled candy bags to all the boys, inmates of the Industrial School at Marianna, and to all the girls, inmates of the Girls Industrial School at Oca-

Mr. Smith is pected to arrive today. to meet her in Jacksonville. During her stay in Crescent City Mrs. Pear-son will make her home with Mrs. C. L. Chamberlin. Mrs. Pearson spent several weeks here some years ago and is pleasantly remembered by a number of friends made on that occasion, all of whom will unite in welcoming her return.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Selleck, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Estes, Mrs. E. D. Crotean • and Mr. Leonard E. Estes, comprised a party who arrived at Grove Hall on Saturday from Sioux Falls, South Da-They were attracted to Cres-Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wiley of Lancent City by the folder recently sent the E. A. Stroud Realty Company

ling. The Presbyterian church will have to distribute the presents to the chilworthy matron of the Crescent City dren. All the children of the place are invited to attend this service and Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Springer left Saint Nicholas has given The News to understand that all of them, without reference to previous Sundayschool record, or without record, will be welcomed and will be provided for.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Bullock and party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Waters, Miss Butler and Mr. A. H. Pve, arrived on Sunday in their big touring car, having driven through direct from Onset. Massachusetts. Mr. Pye was the driver of the car. On arrival here the party went direct to the Bullock flat on South Summit All were out on the street Monday morning and seemed pleased to be with us again. Mr. Bullock states that they have encountered rough weather most of the way down.

McIntosh Morrow left Tampa on Tuesday of last week for Jacksonand found in prime fighting condition and sent to Ft. Scriven, Ga., where he warts and bunyons, the regular ceremonial for all new recruits. McIntosh will then go to Washington to join his regiment a large contingent of which will be in the forestry service of the government in France. He will likely see service on the other side sooner than most of our boys. Here's another name to go on the honor roll in the Presbyterian church, of which Sunday school he is an undergraduate.

Sixteen Crescent City boys (young men) all of about the same age, are now in the army or navy, ten of whom were raised in this town and were school mates and playmates-or chums. Some of them were a little wild, mischievous, and filled with the joy of living right here. They had some fights, too, but none to equal what they will have when they are turned loose on the Germans. They never tackled a German here, but they have tackled everything else from a catamount to a rattlesnake and a fice dog with a shot of turpen-tine on his subsequent end. Some of 'em may get disfigured or even die in the doing, but they are going to assist in tying a tin can on the German tail, and don't you forget it. Watch for reports of their doings on the "other side."

new pastor of the Methodist church, arrived last Saturday and occupied the Ho-2d and 4th Sundays to Rodman. This plan may be changed, but that is his present idea of conducting the work. Dr. Funk is a gentleman of fine physique, dignified, courteous and possessing scholarly attainments. The News feels that the people of Cresistrations. He will leave for Rodman Dr. Funk has a wife and one the afternoon's program daughter, and of course they will make Crescent City their home.

evenings until Christmas.

Mr. Harp Opposes Hard Road. Editor Palatka News:

Will you let me say a word through your columns about that special road district and bond election called for in your columns last week?

First a 9-foot brick road is a menace to human safety. How about that wreck at Orange Mills last Tuesday, when the gentlemen in the Ford had given all but 20 inches of that and as you say 'it was a miracle that the men were not killed." But such tragedies have been frequent on the

9-foot road from other points. Now we are in the first year of a great war; our young men are going, our young married men are going to have to go. We are being urged to make every possible contribution and even sacrifice for their comfort, and we ought to do all we can for our soldiers; give them the hog and beef products of the country, pay all the war taxes assessed, give them all the flour give them the sugar, give them all the clothes and even the old linen rags, everything, "God bless them, but they don't need any 9-foot road. Our women are all busy knitting wool sweaters, pajamas, bed shirts, bandages, etc., and every one is willingly doing all possible for our soldiers. We are already under stress and ten-Mrs. Pearson of Louisville, Ky. a sion; already our taxes are high and sister of Mr. Paul C. Smith, is expected to arrive today. Mr Smith is standing shoulder to the wheel for the successful ending o fthe war.

And now, Mr Editor in the begin ning of this strenuous period, which may last for several years, why should we vote for an additional tax of from 230 to 50 mills to build a road not as safe as we now have? What are the connections of this nine-foot brick road? A flat woods road east of Crescent City, Dec. 18, 1917. we vote for an additional tax of from

A SPLENDID AFFAIR

Addresses by Miss Ruth Rich, and Mayor Merriam Splendid Program of Music.

Crescent City did her "bit" on Tuesday when she turned out en masse for a special Christmas tree service the Red Cross rally at the school au-Christmas eve with the assurance ditorium. Between three and four that Saint Nicholas will be present hundred men, women and children defied the cold winds and rain and were there to show their patriotism, to boost the Xmas Membership Drive and to learn more about the American Red Cross and its work from one who has been called "a liberty engine," Miss Ruth Rich, Ass't. Director American Red Cross in Florida. Miss Rich made a special trip to Crescent City from Jacksonville in order to be present at this rally and Chairman Merriam of the Putnam County Chapter, accompanied by Mr. Merriam Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Crook and the Misses Lucas, Moragne and Sharpe, all of Palatka, also honored the Branch by their presence.

The visiting ladies were entertaind at luncheon at the Club House, the gentlemen at the Coutant.

The program opened with a beauiful drill by the school girls and boys, by Miss Columbia (Miss Neely Mathis), each carrying a Red Cross shield, or stars and stripes shield, the U.S. Engineers. He was examined stage singing "The Star Spangled" stage singing "The Star Spangled Banner," and "The Marseillaise," Following this a chorus of about fifwill spend his month of inoculation ty men, women and high school boys Colrain. Massachusetts are expected against small pox, typhoid fever, pips, and girls assembled on the stage and seng "Soldiers' Chorus" and "To Thee, O Country."

Chairman Tillinghast of the Crescent City Branch gave a brief but introducing the stirring address. speaker of the day. Miss Ruth Rich. Miss Rich is a delightful speaker, full of enthusiasm for her work and her country and every word uttered was listened to with breathless interest After her address, Miss Rich called for questions. Many were asked and fully answered. Space forbids a complete report of the address, but amongst many other things an emphatic denial was made to the report that Red Cross articles are sold to Rumors of this sort have soldiers been traced from one person to another and not once has proof been found of such an act. Soldiers often Soldiers often have private wifts of knitted garments and some of these may have been sold individual soldiers enough to have more than they need-That is the only shadow of foundation for the rumors that Red Cross Miss Rich garments have been sold. called attention to the fact that the source of reports derogatory to the work of the Red Cross can always be traced to German propaganda, and that a high official has stated that the careless repeating of these rumors is distinctly treasonable act: that to Rev. William H Funk, Ph. D., the in any way weaken the efforts of the we pastor of the Methodist church, Red Cross is a decided help to the

pulpit of that church both morning Following Miss Rich, Chairman and evening on Sunday, preaching to Merriam of the Putnam Co. Chapter good sized congregations. Dr. Funk snoke briefly, generously compliment, comes to Crescent City from Lees- ing the Crescent City Branch for its be a link in the great State highway work and stating that so far Crescent leading from Jacksonville to Tampa. years. He will also be pastor at City has outstripped Palatka in the Rodman, and it is supposed will devote the 1st and 3d Sunday in each month nesota, has purchased through Mr. the 1st and 3d Sunday in each month Bronch was also commended by Miss Durling, the old Hogarth place of 10 to this place, while he will devote the Rich for its prompt organization, reichail work

After the addresses a tiny maid board hearing the legend: "Do Your hoard hearing the legend with has placed the latter to the forefront as genuinely patriotic work.

Another of Mr. Harris about the legend with hearing the legend hearing hearing the legend hearing hearing the legend heari on having a man of his undoubted big appliance and was followed by two and "Sawanne River." which closed

Mrs. Wheeler at the piano and Mr. Collette on the cornet were brilliant companists and creat credit is due The Little Gift Shon will be open them as well as to the principal and renings until Christmas. drills and charus of school children

Followink the program and ofter out-of-town visitors had left a business meeting of the Branch was hold when a Constitution and Re-Laws were adonted, and renorts by the reasurer and the chairman of shipping committee were read. Donefors to the Branch recently received

Mr. H C Gates Lake Como ... Mrs. H. C. Gates, Lake Como. \$ 95 Mr Davidson Mr. Alfred Clay Crescent City \$ 25

Each day during the Ymas Drive or Membership a special committee all he on duty, with headquarters at Monday 85 members were enrolled:

Toogday 55. Pehios and children as well adolts are welcomed as members, and no nerson is oblived to work if he she has not the time or strength for Just come right along with your dollar and join, and join over again, and show that you are really a true patriot.

A good line of Christmas coods. hristmas cards, also Red Cross Thristmas cards. Stamps at The Little Gift Shop

Dunn's Creek, and a high, sand south of our county line. It looks unpatriotic to me to ask that our taxes be increased to such an extent. With 2 or 3 degrees colder weather than we have already had this season, we won't be able to pay the tax. If the bonds carry many homes will be sold for taxes. Let's give all our energy gy and means to the support of the war: after that build roads and aircastles. Down with the Germans and

Yours truly, J. H. HARP.

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Mr. Harp's Road Attitude.

On this page will be found a letter from Hon. J. H. Harp in opposition to the proposed hard surfaced road which is to run through the Fruitland pennsullar from Dunn's Creek to the Volusia county line, and which is to

will tax the resources of the people. He raises this objection desnite the fact that the government at Washington has urged the people of the councame upon the stage carrying a tin try to go ahead with public improve-

as genuinely patriotic work.

Another of Mr. Harp's objections is that the proposed road is to be but on having a man of his undoubted on his last week where traveling men were run into by a motor truck. He for-got to state however that the motor truck was driven by a negro who had lost all the head he ever had, and run into the auto even when he was given ample road to pass. Yes accidents will happen on 9-foot roads, and this class of accidents occur on 40-foot Mr. Harp's plea for the solroads. diers is all right, but The News fails to see anything inconsistent between road building and contributions to the In fact some of our most soldiers. iberal gifts to the soldiers have come from the heartiest advocates of this Some of them have even given

Another mistake of Mr. Harn is the matter of connections. That piece of flat woods road east of Dunn's Creek is in another district and WILL BE MADE GOOD by the people of that district.

And as for the "high, sandy road south of our county line," Mr. Harp is hereby informed that the Voluma county people living in that district have UNANIMOUSLY PETITIONED FOR AN ELECTION to define and bond a road district, and that such election has already been called for next February. Volusia will build its next February. Volusia will build its piece of road with State aid, just as the people of this district will build theirs. Get in line Mr. Harp. You were never a slacker, and you won't be here, when you understand the sit-uation. Don't borrow trouble from the future; don't GUESS at the ex-tra tax rate; don't invite disaster; in other words, don't trouble trouble till other words, don't trouble trouble till trouble troubles you. In the lan-guage of Bob Davis-never mind what burdens you lay on posterity: "what's posterity ever done for you?"

The Little Gift Shop has moved to the Springer cottage, opposite Mrs. Rhodes, one block nearer town.

United States pays \$800,000 daily for food for soldiers.

Uruguay's 1917 wood clip is 90,000 bales of 71,000 pounds each.

Lake Boy Wins Corn Prize.

The \$50 prize offered by the State Federation of Women's Clubs to the corn-club boy making the best record in the State contest was awarded to Leroy Alderman of Lake County at the close of the boy's short course at the University of Florida, December 7. Lawton Martin of Marion County won the second prize a pair of pure ed Duroc-Jersey pigs offered by L

W. Underwood, Monticello. The prize-winning acre 106.5 bushels of corn at a profit of \$171.65. Martin's acre produced 100.1 bushels at a profit of \$187.45. other boys reported yields of more than one hundred bushels; Edgar Locke of Lake County with 100.5 bushels, and Paul Parrish of Polk County with 102.12 bushels. The boys ranked in final standing in the order nam-

Yield alone does not count in determining the prize winner. The year's effort is graded on this basis: Yield, 0 per cent; profit, 30 per cent; exhibit, 20 per cent; and essay, 26 per-Alderman did not gain the highest standing on all these points, but his average was the best.

The prizes were awarded at a supper given by the bankers of Gaines-ville, to which all the 112 club boys, representing thirty-four Florida counies, were invited.

Nation Needs More Hogs.

A nation-wide campaign for a fifteen per cent increase in hog production next year is being made by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. definite part in this campaign been assigned to Florida, but the University of Florida extension division believes the production in the State can be increased materially.

With a shortage of brood sows thruout the country, it may be necessary to use gilts from the feed lots to obtain the desired increase. Gilts will not produce as large litters as may be expected from mature sows, but their use in the emergency is advisable.

If the hog population of the Nation's farms is not increased next year a more acute shortage of pork products than now prevails will result, extremely high prices for hams, bacon and lard will prevail, consumers will uffer from the high prices and the shortage of necessary animal fats, and only a few will benefit.

On the other hand, if the number of hogs is increased, a market vill have been provided for the remainder of this year's corn crop, the demands on the country for pork products can be met without strain, prices to the producer should be remunerative under the assistance pledged by the Nationand prices al Food Administration. paid by consumers should be reasona-ble.

In carrying out its plans to make the canal zone self-supporting as far as possible, the commissary division of the Panama canal finds it necessary to have some larger buildings.